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BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
and  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1956.



BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor	T.G. Hill (Chairman)
"	J.H. Ashworth.
"	J.L. Addleshaw.
"	J.B. Humphreys.
"	H.C. Irvine.
"	K.V. Irvine. (Mrs.)
"	A.D. Johnson.
"	T.H. Ormson.
"	F. Seatree.
"	P.E.B. Robinson.
"	W. Warrington.
"	H.S. Whitehead.

OFFICIALS.

D. Longbottom, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

A.E. Shimmings, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.

Public Health Inspector, Surveyor etc.

G. Rothwell, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

(From 1st November, 1956).

PART 1.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District .....	1090 acres.
Average Height above sea level .....	220 feet.
Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population .....	3,930.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956) per rate book .....	1238.
Rateable Value .....	£57,877.
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£239.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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Crude Birth rate per 1,000 population	14.00.
Comparability factor	0.91.
Standardised Birth Rate	12.70.
General Birth Rate (England & Wales)	15.00.
Crude Death rate per 1,000 population	12.50.
Comparability factor	0.79.
Standardised Death Rate	9.90.
General Death Rate (England & Wales)	11.70.
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth	NIL.
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	2.
Deaths from Cancer	7.
Deaths from Tuberculosis	NIL.
Total Number of deaths from all causes	49.

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The population figures given are for home population and the birth and death rates are based on this figure. The standardised rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a more fair comparison with those of other areas.

The social conditions are good. The district is almost entirely residential and there is no industry of note.

PART II TABLES

INFANT MORTALITY

TABLE I.

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1955.</u>
Males	31	1	32	25
Females	21	-	21	35
	52	1	53	60.

TABLE II

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>1955.</u>
Males	1	-	1	Nil.
Females	-	1	1	Nil.
	1	1	2	Nil.

TABLE III

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Males	2	-	2
Females	-	-	-
	2	-	2

TABLE IV

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Males	1	-	1
Females	-	-	-
	1	-	1

TABLE V

<u>Notifiable Disease.</u>	<u>Number of Cases Notified 1956</u>
Scarlet Fever	0
Whooping Cough	9
Diphtheria (including Membranous Group)	0
Measles (excluding Rubella)	5
Acute Pneumonia (Primary or Influenzal)	0
Meningococcal Infection	0
Acute Poliomyelitis -	
Paralytic	1
Non-Paralytic	0
Acute Encephalitis -	
Infective	0
Post Infectious	0
Dysentery	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0
Smallpox	0
Paratyphoid Fevers	0
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (Exc. Paratyphoid)	0
Food Poisoning (Exc. dysentery, typhoid and paratyphoid Fevers)	0
Tuberculosis -	
Respiratory	0
Other	0
Erysipelas	1
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Total	24
1955 Total	126

The district was remarkably free from infectious disease with the exception of dysentery cases. The cases notified all occurred in a residential nursery for children.

TABLE VI

Number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during  
the year ended 31st December, 1956.

NIL

TABLE VII

Deaths from Tuberculosis registered during  
the year ended 31st December, 1956.

NIL.

TABLE VIII

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1956 AND CAUSES

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes (Certified 49) (Uncertified 0)			
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	0
Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, lungs bronchus	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0	0
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	2	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
Diabetes	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	4	7
Coronary disease, angina	5	3	8
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
Other heart disease	4	5	9
Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
Influenza	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	1	0	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	0	1
Hyper-plasia of prostate	0	0	0
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	0	2	2
Suicide	1	1	2
Homicide and operation of war	0	0	0
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Total	23	26	49
1955 Total	24	37	61

The majority of deaths are those associated with old age, that is the failing of the cardio vascular system, and with cancer in its various forms.



National Health Act Services and Service  
provided by the Cheshire County Council.

A. Service provided in accordance with the requirements  
of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board.  
Local Hospitals - Administered by North West and Mid-Cheshire  
Hospital Management Committee.  
Secretary - Mr. M. Owen, Administrative  
Offices, Altrincham Maternity  
Home, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

2. Hospitals serving this area

General Acute Cases - Denzell Hospital (Convalescent).  
Altrincham General Hospital.  
General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.  
(Withington Hospital Manchester).

Maternity Hospitals - Altrincham Maternity Hospital,  
Sinderland Road, Altrincham.  
Southfield, Langham Road, Bowdon.

Ear, Nose and Throat - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road,  
Altrincham.

A large number of cases from Bowdon are also treated in  
Manchester Hospitals.

3. General Practitioner and General Dental Services.

Controlling Body - National Health Services Executive  
Council for Cheshire.  
Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28, Nicholas Street,  
Chester.

4. Service of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council.

1. Ambulance Service

2. Immunisation and Vaccination - Bowdon Vale Clinic, Vicarage  
Lane. 2nd & 4th Thursday in  
the Month. 2.0-4.0 p.m.

3. Care and after care

4. Home Help Service

5. Maternity and Child Welfare - Bowdon Vale Clinic 2nd & 4th  
Thursday in the Month. 2-4 p.m.

6. Domiciliary Midwifery and  
District Nursing

7. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers  
and Pre School Children,  
Lister House Clinic, Hale.

8. Mental Health Service - Duly Authorised Officer for  
Mental Health - Mr. R. Dixon,  
18, Stanley Road, Knutsford.

The Altrincham Divisional Health Committee Area covers Hale  
U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C. and  
Bucklow R.D.C. and includes Members of these Authorities,  
Members of the County Council and co-opted Members.

Divisional Medical Officer and  
District M.O.H. for the district - Dr. D. Longbottom, Mountlands,  
The Mount, Altrincham, Cheshire.

B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council.

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| 1. Education Committee              | - School Health Services, including<br>School dental service.   |
| 2. Welfare Committee                | - Old persons care and attention,<br>homeless, handicapped persons, provision<br>for residential accommodation. |
| County Welfare<br>Officer           | - Mr. Evans, County Hall, Chester.  |
| 3. Children's Committee             | - Provides for the care of deprived<br>children i.e. children not under<br>parental care.                       |
| Children's Officer<br>for this area | - Mr. J. Blades, The County Offices,<br>Bexton Road, Knutsford.   |

D. LONGBOTTOM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

Bowdon Urban District.



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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
for the year 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen.

Owing to the retirement on the 9th January, 1957 of  
Mr. A.E. Shimmings, it is necessary for me to submit the Annual report  
on the sanitary administration of the Urban District for the year  
ending 31st December, 1956.

Water Supplies.

The whole of the district is supplied by the Manchester Corporation  
and a constant supply of water of excellent quality is maintained. The  
supply in all cases is direct to the house or premises.

The water coming from Thirlmere is neutralised with hydrated lime  
at the source so as to give a water with a p H value of around 7.  
Plumbo solvency tests in the past show that water which has stood in  
contact with lead service pipes overnight has a lead content very  
definitely less than 0.2. p.p. m. lead as Pb.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The existing sewers have been satisfactorily maintained and where  
necessary repaired throughout the year.

Every effort is being made to maintain the existing sewage disposal  
works in a reasonably satisfactory condition having regard to the  
inadequacy of the land irrigation method of sewage purification. The  
land used for irrigation has been extended and it is hoped that a  
slightly better effluent will result.

With the exception of 7 outlying cottages, the whole of the  
district is on the water borne system of sewage disposal.

Refuse Collection.

A weekly collection of refuse throughout the district has been  
maintained during the year. This work is carried out by one Dennis  
vehicle.

Controlled tipping is carried out adjoining the sewage disposal  
works but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sufficient  
quantities of covering material to carry this out satisfactorily.

Waste paper and salvage is also collected by the workmen and the  
total sales for this year amount to approximately £178.



### Atmospheric Pollution.

There are no factory chimneys in the district and therefore no nuisance from this source has arisen during the year.

The Council are members of the Manchester and District Smoke Abatement Committee.

A deposit gauge recording the amount of Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere is installed in the Council's Yard and periodic readings are taken from this gauge. It is interesting to note that readings in Bowdon are the lowest in North Cheshire - 1.15 mgms against an average for the whole area of 2.61.

### Food and Drugs Act 1955. Food Hygiene Regulations.

A summary of the various food premises in the district is as follows:-

Grocers and General Provisions	11
Greengrocers	3
Bakehouses	1
Confectionery Shops	1
Butchers	1
Licensed Premises	3
Fish Friers	1
Registered Ice Cream Premises	4
Canteens	6

During the year inspections of the above premises have been made and where necessary attention has been drawn to the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

### Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district, meat supplies being obtained from Altrincham.

### Shops Act, 1950.

No action has been necessary during the year in respect of the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950 regarding sanitary and other arrangements in shops.

### Factories Act, 1937.

No action has been necessary under this Act during the year.

### Rodent Control.

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator who carries out the destruction of rodents when necessary.

Sewer tests are taken periodically but very few takes are recorded.

The Council's refuse tip and sewage farm are treated weekly and the Council's Yard monthly. No serious infestation has been reported.



Inspections and Treatment of Properties.

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses	(3) All other Premises	Total	Agricul- tural.
No. of Properties in Local Authority District.	5	1247	32	1284	8
Nos. inspected as a result of notification.	-	27	1	28	-
otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose.	5	54	12	66	1
Treatments. Minor infestations for					
Rats.		23	1	24	1
Mice.		12		12	-
Number of Premises treated.	2 treated weekly. 1 treated monthly	35	1	36	1

I am Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. ROTHWELL.

Public Health Inspector.

